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GOVERNMENT

Palmer Town Council votes to lower tax rate

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PALMER — Homeowners across the country are well aware of the drastic rise in the value of their property in recent years as bidding wars among potential buyers continues to drive up selling prices.

In Palmer, homeowners will soon get something those in some other towns may covet, however – a tax break.

Following a tax classification hearing Monday night, Palmer Town Council voted to maintain a single rate for residential, commercial, and industrial property and lowered the rate from $21.12 to $19.83 per $1,000 of assessed value. That's a $1.29 reduction for homeowners and businesses in town. In comparison, the rate in Wilbraham is $22.96 per $1,000 of assessed value. In Monson it's $18.12 and in Ludlow, homeowners pay $21.08.

Town council also approved a residential exemption that shifts more of the tax burden to the owners of rental properties and a small commercial discount that provides a savings for commercial property owners if the parcel is valued at less than $1 million and is occupied by a business with no more than 10 employees. The residential discount has a negligible impact because most residential property in town is owner-occupied.

There were no public comments offered and no council discussion before the votes adopting the measures. The new rate will be effective in 2022.

While the town, which collects more than 80% of its total tax revenue from residential property owners, is reducing the size of its slice of the pie, that pie itself has grown through a combination of market forces and a proactive effort to improve the overall quality of life in Palmer. Which means a lower rate doesn't necessarily mean home or commercial property owners will owe less when they receive their first quarter tax bills next year.

The tradeoff though, is their property is worth significantly more than it did a year ago and those bills will be lower than they would have been if the town didn't lower its rate.

"That's the wrinkle," Town Manger Ryan McNutt said the day after the hearing.

"The average value of a home in Palmer has gone up from $191,000 to $215,000 and while taxes are going down, the average tax bill may go up by $250 for the entire year. But your wealth, your assets, have increased by tens of thousands of dollars."

McNutt said he and other town officials realize budgeting an extra $20 a month to save for the tax bill means different things for different people. For many, it's an extra, double-shot latte; For others, especially those on a fixed income, it's about making ends meet.

"How to mitigate that is why look to exemptions and senior work off programs to offset tax bills," McNutt said.

There are programs designed for seniors, widows and widowers, disabled veterans, and others in town who need assistance. This year, nine seniors and nearly 80 surviving spouses in Palmer were able to offset their tax bills through town programs.

"Senior citizens and others concerned about their taxes should come in and talk to us, talk to me, talk to our treasurer," McNutt said.

"We can find the right program for you. In some cases we might not know your situation and you might not know about the programs. People should always come in and talk to us and we might have solutions to mitigate your tax bill. The door is always open."

A more valuable town

McNutt said when he began working for the town about three years ago Palmer's aggregate value was $950 million.

"A billionaire could buy the town of Palmer then," he joked.

Today, it's $1.2 billion. Property values have increased 13% on average.

"It is my job – my mission – to

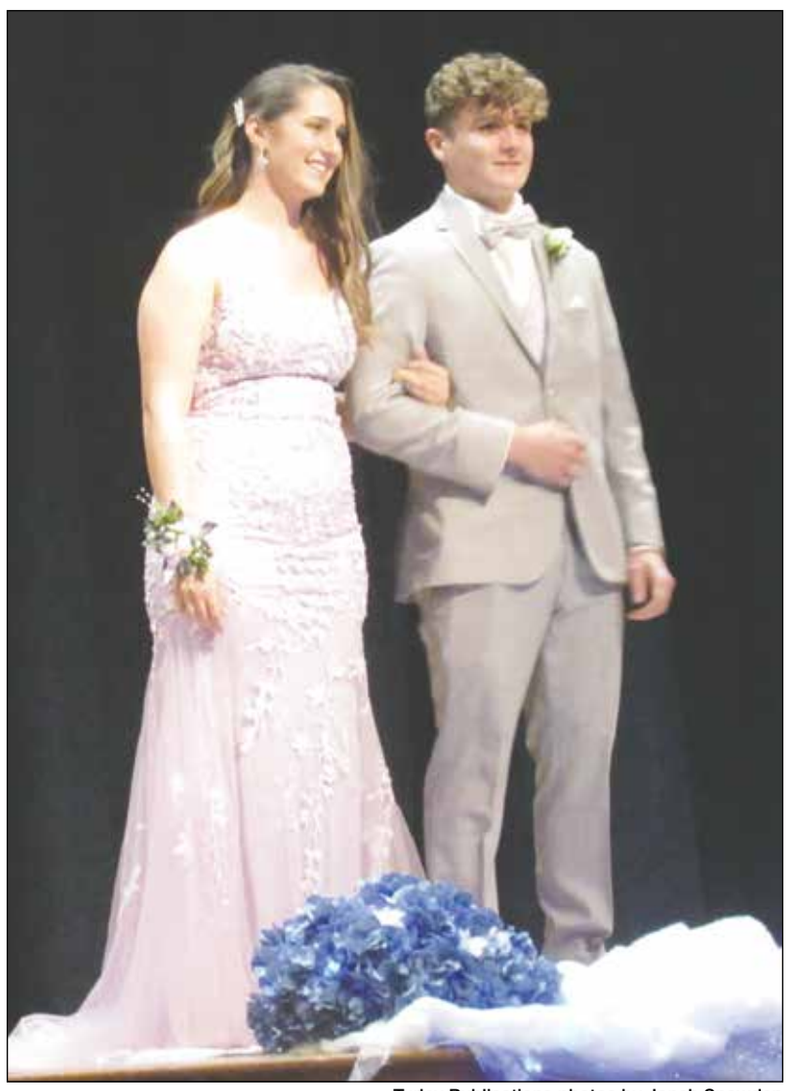
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EDUCATION

Palmer High School hosts Winter Prom



Grace Burke and Jack Letendre



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Caitlin Lebel and Aiden Van Oostveen

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PALMER – Prom season came early at Palmer High School through their school's annual event, Prominade.

Last Friday, Dec. 10, at the school's auditorium, the seniors of Palmer High had the opportunity to dress up in their prom attire and celebrate a special moment with their dates while being cheered on by family, friends and Palmer High staff members.

Palmer High seniors were happy to share their moments on stage and show off their outfits.

"Personally, I see most of these people daily, coming in wearing sweatpants, as comfy as I am," senior Anthony Ukrainets said.

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COVID-19

Local towns among those getting free OTC test kits

REGION — Palmer and Wales are among the more than 100 towns and cities in the Commonwealth that are receiving COVID-19 test kits to be distributed free to residents.

Palmer will receive over 4,800 kits and 540 are destined for Wales. The kits are expected to be delivered this week.

"We are still making policy on how we will make them available," Palmer Town Manager Ryan McNutt said. Wales officials could not be reached by press time.

The Baker-Polito Administration on Tuesday announced plans to increase access to at home COVID-19 test kits for residents across the Commonwealth. The Administration has secured 2.1 million iHealth Labs over-the-counter at-home rapid antigen tests that will be delivered to 102 towns with the highest percentage of families below the poverty level. These free tests will be available for distribution to the public by each municipality, with an emphasis on increasing access for individuals and families who are facing financial hardship.

"With the holidays approaching, we encourage residents to utilize rapid tests as a convenient way to keep family members and friends safe at gatherings," Gov. Charlie Baker said.

"While these tests are widely available at many pharmacies and retail locations across the Commonwealth, we are making it even easier for residents to get free rapid testing through these initiatives."

While the initial 2.1 million OTC rapid antigen tests will be distributed to 102 high-need communities across the Commonwealth, the Administration is finalizing plans to allow municipalities and other public entities to directly purchase tests from test manufacturers at fixed, state-negotiated prices, Baker's office said Tuesday. Municipalities are able to use American Rescue Plan Act funding, as well as Federal COVID-19 Relief funding to purchase the rapid antigen test kits.

At-home COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits are a fast, easy and convenient way to test for COVID-19. In addition to the Administration providing iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits and allowing municipalities to directly purchase tests, residents can visit local pharmacies or order online to purchase rapid test kits on their own, as needed.

While each city or town will be able to determine how best to distribute tests within their community municipalities are asked to prioritize those most in need, allocating equitably and at locations accessible to individuals and families who are determined to be in high need and as quickly as possible during the holiday season.

The Commonwealth is paying $5 per test. All tests come in packs of two. The tests can be completed in 15 minutes without the need to send a sample to a laboratory; a mobile phone or computer is not needed for any part of the test. Individuals 2 years of age and up can

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa makes the rounds in Holland



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Santa hands candy a cane to 16-month-old Artemis Pellicano.



Robert Pellicano and children Artemis and Tre pose with Santa.



Kids Magnolia Balderelli, Joselyn Pucci, and Delia Mott enjoy arts and crafts.

HOLLAND — Not once, but twice did Santa make the rounds of Holland this past week. On Sunday, the jolly old elf, along with Mrs. Claus, visited with families at the Community Center. In addition to the visit, the center offered treats, crafts, coloring, and other activities.

Then on Tuesday, the two made a return appearance for the Police Department Toys for Tots Stuff a Cruiser event! The toys will be donated to the USMC Toys for Tots Foundation.

Pet of the Week



BUSTER

Not long ago, Barb Windoloski's "granddog" Buster found himself stuck in a woodchuck trap. "The only thing hurt was his pride!" Barb says.

Do you have a pet that makes your life special? We feature your pets (all pets are welcome – not just cats and dogs!) here and on Facebook every week. Just email a high-quality jpg and some information, including your pet's name, your name, and town, to mharrison@turley.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA







Courtesy photos

A Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus was sponsored by the Three Rivers Ladies Auxiliary at the fire house last Sunday. Both kids and adults got into the Christmas spirit with a hot breakfast as Santa fueled up on his carbs as he gets ready for his annual trip from the North Pole.

Monson Savings Bank names Peritz Junior Mortgage Loan Originator



MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent hire of Bryce A. Peritz as Junior Mortgage Loan Originator. He will be based out of the Monson Savings Bank Loan & Operations Center, located at 75 Post Office Park in Wilbraham.

"Bryce is a welcomed addition to Monson Savings Bank," said Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO. "As a local himself, he knows the area well, and is eager to help serve our customers. I have no doubt that he will be successful and provide our customers with lending solutions to help them reach their home financing goals."

Bryce A. Peritz is a resident of Palmer, living with his girlfriend and their beloved dog. Peritz is a Western Massachusetts native with strong ties to the local communities. He volunteers his time to help enhance the local areas, most notably working with non-profit, Re-Green Springfield, which aims to plant more trees in the Springfield area. Additionally, he supports local charity hockey games throughout Massachusetts by volunteering as a referee.

As a Junior Mortgage Loan Originator, Peritz will be under the direction of Senior Mortgage Loan Originators of Monson Savings Bank's top notch Residential Lending team. He will be responsible for supporting loan processing, aiding in mortgage closings, and providing residential loan customers with superior customer service throughout the home financing process.

"It has always been a dream of mine to be a lender, as my father is also a Loan Originator. I grew up watching him and aspired to work in the same field. My father has given me the greatest gift anyone could ever give another person: he's always believed in me," said Bryce Peritz, Monson Savings Bank Junior Mortgage Loan Originator. "I am thrilled to be joining the Residential Lending Team at Monson Savings. I am excited to start this journey and be a valuable asset to the Bank and our customers."

Celebrate Christmas in story and song

MONSON — The First Church of Monson at 5 High Street invites everyone to join with them to Celebrate Christmas in story and song.

Led by the First Church Music Committee, the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 26, will feature the telling of the stories of several Christmas carols, the reading of poetry, and the singing of seasonal favorites. After the service, light refreshments will be served in fellowship hall.

Police seize meth from motorist

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, at about 2:22 a.m., officers of the Palmer Police Department conducted a motor vehicle stop on Park Street in Palmer for operating an uninsured motor vehicle while the registration was revoked. Subsequent investigation led to the discovery of 40.1 grams of methamphetamine and $408. As a result of this investigation, Trever Elkins, 44, of Gardner was arrested and charged with:

- Trafficking in methamphetamine (36 -100 grams)
- Uninsured motor vehicle
- Registration revoked, operate a motor vehicle with

Elkins was arraigned at Palmer District Court on Dec. 8.

Monson student's drive in need of 'One warm coat'

MONSON — Monson resident and Pope Francis Preparatory school senior Madeline Ladew has been hosting a coat drive that ends Dec. 17.

Donations will benefit Springfield Rescue Mission (springfieldrescuemission.org).

Gently worn coat donations for all ages (no holes or stains please!) may be dropped off at the Monson Free library, Monson Savings Bank (01057 location only), and at Saint Patrick Church.

Maddie's coat drive is being coordinated with the non-profit One Warm Coat organization. One Warm Coat has hosted more than 40,000 coat drives and have given away 6.9 million coats across the United States since 1992. More information on One Warm Coat can be found at onewarmcoat.org.

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HEALTHCARE

Baystate Convenient Care strives to live up to its name

By Michael Harrison
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PALMER — Of all the words I can think of to describe a first experience at a medical facility, "pleasant" wouldn't seem likely to even be in the running, let alone at the top of the list.

Yet, that's what kept coming to mind during and after my visit last week to the newish Convenient Care center at Baystate Wing Hospital. It wasn't my first time in the building; I spent the better part of a day there months ago after a health scare and returned for some subsequent diagnostics (thankfully, all's well). At the time I was, as you might imagine, a bit self absorbed; Other than the fine care, I didn't really notice much about the people or the surroundings then.

Last week was different. It wasn't an emergency situation, but there was pain involved from a nagging issue and just couldn't be ignored another day. Before attempting to make an appointment with my PCP, which I knew would be at least a couple of weeks or more, I remembered hearing about the Convenient Care and thought I'd give it a try.



Turley Publications photo by Michael Harrison
Nurse Practitioner Emily Lambert at the Baystate Wing Convenient Care, which started operating seven days a week in September.

You can make an appointment or just walk in and I did the latter. Walking in the main entrance, I saw a valet meeting a patient's vehicle ("they do that?!" I thought) with a big smile and the air of welcoming a guest to a swank hotel. The pandemic protocol – being handed a fresh mask, asked to sanitize, tip my hat up for the temp check and answering the standard questions – was familiar and expected, but it was the way that person checked me in that was different. It was…nice!

I was directed to the Convenient Care – one flight up – but it was easy to find with the well-placed signage. I walked down that first hallway before, but this time I noticed the soothing colors and the fine artwork along the way.

There were a few people ahead of me at the CC check-in, but with two people behind the counter, I was in the waiting room in about five minutes. After a quick call to my boss and just a couple of pages into a New Yorker article, I was in the examination room, where a nurse took my vitals and asked the usual questions. Less than another page into that article, and NP Emily Lambert gave a polite knock on the door. No appointment and being seen in less than 30 minutes? Where has this been all my life?

Without getting into the details of my issue, Lambert zeroed in on it pretty quick. She did suggest an X-ray just to make sure, and I agreed – I can't tell you how much I wanted this thing dealt with already. That was done within minutes and then back to the room. So, I also had this other issue that needed to be addressed sooner than later and I thought, "while I'm here…" and mentioned it to Lambert, who seemed glad I didn't keep it to myself.

Got that one solved, too.

Also while I was there, it occurred to me to leave with a story. Lambert and Practice Manager Crystal Russell both graciously agreed to give me a couple minutes of their time so I could learn a little more about Convenient Care and in turn, pass it on to you.

"We did a soft opening in July, very limited hours, 1 to 3 (p.m.) during the week to see how it would go," Russell said.

"The closing of the ER at Mary Lane (in Ware) was a big push for us to get this. The region needs an urgent care for the Palmer and Monson communities and surrounding towns. So we realized the need really quick because the ER did get bogged down. And with COVID, it's not helping either. Our numbers are really high, so it was decided in the spring this needed to happen. We started and then we went full seven days a week the week after Labor Day. And we've been seven days a week since."

Russell said it not only provides another health care option in the area, but helps better route patients who don't want to wait for a primary care appointment, but also wouldn't like a long wait at the ER. She also said services at the Convenient Care will expand at some point.

"We're trying to keep people out of the ER for hours," Russell said.

"And that's why we opened this year. And primary care is full also. So people need a place to get care and convenient care. The concept is an urgent care. But eventually, when the waves of the pandemic calm down a bit, our plan is to do some primary care, blood pressure checks, things like that."

Lambert, the NP who joined the team three months ago, was an ER nurse and said she likes the Convenient Care format.

"It's going wonderfully," she said. "I really enjoy the team dynamic that's here and all of my coworkers have been very supportive, personally and professionally."

Like Russell, she talked about the concept filling a void.

"It helps because it overlaps and offloads the primary care offices," Lambert said.

"And unfortunately, given this time, in primary care there is a shortage. So instead of patients waiting weeks to months to get an appointment, you're able to come here and we can take care of you without having to wait so long."

Cash bail set for driver accused of fatal hit and run

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PALMER — The local woman charged with killing a man after striking him with her vehicle near downtown while driving under the influence of alcohol then leaving the scene remains in jail.



Nicole Matanes

Nicole Matanes, a Three Rivers resident, had her second court appearance last week, on Dec. 9, for a dangerousness hearing in Palmer District Court. The result of the hearing is that it appears Matanes may be spending her next birthday in custody at the Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee. She was ordered held on $100,000 cash bail pending a Jan. 7 pre-trial hearing. Matanes turns 34 on Dec. 30, according to court records.

On Nov. 30, at around 1 p.m. Joe Labroad, 74, was walking with his dog Sammy on North Main Street near Wright Street – they were a familiar sight in the neighborhood where they both had many friends – when he was struck by a vehicle later identified as a 2016 Ford Escape police said was driven by Matanes, who later claimed he had "jumped in front of her car," one of the responding police officers wrote in his report.

Police say Matanes kept driving and was found a short time later with her badly damaged vehicle at FitClub on Route 20 in Monson, where she has been employed as general manager.

She refused a breath test, police said, but later failed field sobriety tests. Matanes faces seven charges: Operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, second offense; Negligent operation of a motor vehicle; Marked lanes violation; Leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious injury or death; Motor vehicle homicide; speeding; and inspection sticker violation. According to records, the inspection sticker on her Ford expired on Feb. 1. Records show a 750 ml bottle of Blanco Teremana tequila was collected as part of the evidence. Her prior OUI was in Eastern Hampshire District according to records that show a conviction in the jurisdiction on Nov. 6, 2012.

Most of Matanes' social media posts promoted the gym, fitness products and self-care. Many show her working out, including practicing yoga poses. Her last Facebook post was from inside the gym on Nov. 24. According to one of her profiles, she started a job at Smith & Wesson in 2016 and then at FitClub in 2017. Her social media posts indicate she is a mother and a dog owner.

Funeral services for Labroad were held the same day as Matanes' last hearing. He was a retired furniture finisher and a veteran who served with the U.S. Navy. According to his obituary, he is survived by his wife Joanne LaBroad and three children and several grandchildren.

Bench memorializes 'Watchdog' of Spec Pond

By Dalton Zbierski
Editor

WILBRAHAM – A small ceremony at Spec Pond on the morning of Nov. 7 paid homage to an individual who will not soon be forgotten in Wilbraham. A bench has been dedicated to Richard Boynton I and placed in the center of the athletic complex to ensure his contributions are recognized for years to come.

Boynton, a longtime Wilbraham resident, passed away on June 2 just three days shy of his 79th birthday. A man revered for his positivity, Boynton earned a stellar reputation as an employee of the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Department.

"He was what we called the 'Watchdog' over here," said Bryan Litz, Parks & Recreation Director. "I've been here now for 22 years or so. Richard is probably one of the first people I hired. As Spec Pond started to take off, he realized we needed a little more assistance down here, and Richard was one of the first people who came into the office."

Litz recalled Boynton's sincere love for Spec Pond and all things Wilbraham. With a smile on his face, Litz remembered that it was never unusual for Boynton to call him at 9:30 p.m. on a Saturday to provide an update on the complex or the town in general.

Those who knew Boynton say he had a tendency to make everyone's life better. Litz will forever miss seeing Boynton at work, especially on days that were more difficult than others.



(Courtesy photo)
A bench at Spec Pond has been dedicated to the late Richard Boynton I, paying tribute to his many years of service at the athletic complex.

"Many a day, I'd be sitting there going through things, struggling and getting ticked off because a youth sports parent was a little bit misguided, and all of a sudden, I hear a honk, look to my right, and guess who's there? Richard, with a big smile and a big wave. It was always a pleasure and always brightened my day," said Litz.

Melina and Seth Bourdeau arrived at Spec Pond on Sunday morning to honor their grandfather.

Seth Bourdeau joked that he would have worn Boynton's signature grey sweater, but "unfortunately, we're cleaning melted peppermints and milk bones out of it."

Melina Bourdeau thanked all those who attended the small gathering on Nov. 7. She voiced great appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Department and Jered Sasen, Wilbraham's Director of Veterans Services, who were implemental in bringing the bench to Spec Pond.

Fighting back tears, she reminded everyone who Boynton truly was.

"For those of you who knew Grampy, he was many things to many people. He was a friend, a veteran, a fan of Marilyn Monroe, a family man and a jokester," said Melina Bourdeau. "He loved making people smile. One of the best parts about him was knowing how many lives he touched in his very specific way. He would want us to share smiles, stories and laughter with each other here."

Erin Carroll, Asst. Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, noted that Boynton was one of the first people she met when she arrived in the department in 2016. For Carroll, dedicating the bench to Boynton at Spec Pond felt right.

"He was just someone who always brought a smile to people's faces. He was just kind, genuine, strong, and I wish more people were like him. It's only fitting that we're here today celebrating him at the complex that he loved so much," said Carroll.

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Viewpoints

A car, a cornfield and three wise men

GUEST COLUMNIST



JOAN E. B. COOMBS

Once upon a star-lit night before Christmas, an eight-cylinder, black Ford station wagon hummed along the mountainsides of eastern Pennsylvania. As "Old Betsy" chaperoned a young family of four, she hugged the high winding curves and the steep valleys of the Pocono Mountains. And, with every turn and descent, presents jingled all the way.

As in years past, leaving Western Massachusetts at dusk was intentional, with only a week's Christmas vacation. As before, the youngsters slept (?) while The Hub drove "Old Betsy" straight through to Pittsburgh, Pa., arriving on Christmas morning. The Mom watched for Interstate signs, served hot thermos-coffee to her dedicated driver and poured soothing hot cocoa with bedtime snacks for two, extra-cited, young kids.

Every year before making the 600-mile trip, The Hub, prepped the car from bumper to bumper, checked the Northeast's weather, stacked the suitcases, packed the wrapped presents, and always chose the best, safest routes for the 12-hour trip (pit stops always typical).

Although the wintry Christmas and New Year's weather always caused concerns, great grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins made plans to gather at the host grandparent's home. Only long distances separated them.

The car radio's Christmas carol projected future days of joy: Precious memories with chattering and giggling cousins overriding clanging pots and pans before and after the Christmas gatherings. Heirloom desserts reigned. Living room group scenes photographed. Yesteryear's hilarious family times reminisced. Gifts unwrapped and welcomed.

Then. The. Unexpected...

In zero-hovering temperatures, amid rural, dark, farmlands "Old Betsy" began losing it.

"Car headlights keep dimming," The Hub whispered

Dashboard warning lights blinked as "Old Betsy" struggled to light the road ahead and keep her family safe.

"LOOK! There's an OPEN gas station!"

Within minutes the wood-paneled station wagon sputtered off the Interstate jerking to a stop. Hearing unusual, late-night clatter, two attendants sprang to their feet to see what was the matter. They lifted the hood and spotlighted the issue (and the Mom of her brood had to grab a tissue).Then, all three wise men agreed in one accord-that an alternator was needed.

OH, GOOD LORD, HELP US!

The gas station had a two-bay garage and a warm office. Two sleepy kids and a Mom curled up in blankets on spindle-back chairs. Then miracle words that every stress-filled, stranded, car-alternator-deprived driver wants to hear: "I may have the SAME make and model Ford wagon over in my corn field," offered one mechanic.

"Grab flashlights! Tools! Let's find that car!" agreed the other mechanic.

On that frigid Christmas eve, three seekers riding in a tow truck, drove over snow-laden corn fields looking for an obscure car with one working engine part.

Amazingly, the three wise men found, spot-lighted and wrestled-tooled out, an old Ford's alternator! Soon, they arrived – bearing a second-hand treasure! After installing it, everyone listened with exceeding GREAT JOY!

"Old Betsy" hummed as good as ever!

As the headlights on "Old Betsy" beamed with gratitude, her warmth embraced her family.

Yet, more unexpected generosity.

Even after hours spent diagnosing, grabbing tools, driving and searching for a retired station wagon, taking out its alternator, driving and installing it – both mechanics worked and gave that car part to the young family at NO COST! Instead, they gave heartfelt well-wishes and blessings for a safe trip and Christmas Day arrival.

May we be wise and generous with what we have and what we hold.



The fruit in your fruitcake

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

I actually have the urge to make a fruitcake. Maybe I am nostalgic for the Christmases of my youth, visiting all of my aunts and uncles the week after the holiday. We'd go house to house, enjoying appetizers and candy bowls, sweat treats and good conversation. Occasionally Mom and Dad would be gifted with one of those booze-laden, overly sweet bricks from an aunt who followed my Scotch-Irish grandmother's recipe to the T. This recipe differed considerably from my mom's version of the original, which was not laden with aforementioned alcohol and had very sticky bright green and red fruit in it. In Grandma's recipe the fruit was simple: dates and raisins.

Dates thrive in a climate that has high temperatures, low humidity, and deep soil. The Middle East produces three-quarters of the world's date crop with Iraq as the lead producer. California's Coachella Valley is responsible for growing large numbers of dates for our country. Medjool is the most common variety grown in the U.S. They are large in size, quite soft and very sweet. Five or six dates yield a whopping 29 grams of sugar per serving.

The date palm tree can reach 100 feet tall. Dates are borne in clusters of up to 200, with each cluster weighing 20 pounds. With as many as 15 bunches of fruit per tree, 300 pounds of dates can come from a single tree at harvest time!

When choosing dates for your fruitcake, or any other recipe, select those that are firm, but not hard. Dates that are overly shriveled or cracked should be avoided, as should those that have crystallized into sugar. Dates will last up to a year in the fridge and even longer if frozen. Make certain that they are packed in an airtight container away from strong smelling foods as they readily absorb odors. Make slicing sticky dates easy by prefreezing them first. Rehydrate dates that are too dry with a quick soak in warm water.

Raisins are unique in their name. Most fruits retain the same name whether fresh or dry. Not so with the raisin. In its fresh form it is a grape. Grapes are dried into raisins either by the heat of the sun or use of an oven. The raisin has a long and rich history. Produced over 4,000 years ago in Persia and Egypt, the raisin was mentioned in the Old Testament. The ancient Romans even used them for currency and as prizes in sporting tournaments. By the 18th century, Spanish missionaries brought raisins to Mexico and California. About half of the world's supply of raisins, and nearly all of those grown in the U.S., now come from an area in the San Joaquin Valley of California. Reportedly, a heat wave was to thank for this very profitable enterprise. It was 1873, and one ingenious grape farmer took his grapes, dried right on the vine, to a San Francisco grocer. This delicacy, the raisin, caught on.

Raisins should still be soft when purchased. Pass up on those that rattle in the container when shaken. Like dates, they will store well in the fridge or freezer if kept in an airtight container, and can be soaked ahead of time if too dry. Clumps of raisins can be separated easily by heating them a 300-degree oven for a few minutes.

In case you'd like to rediscover fruitcake this Christmas, here's Grandma McQuaid's recipe:

1 cup seedless raisins
1 cup chopped dates
1 and one-half cup sugar
2 cups boiling water
5 tbsp. shortening
3 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp, cinnamon
One-half tsp cloves
1 tsp salt
1 cup chopped walnuts

Combine raisins, dates, sugar, water and shortening in a pan and simmer gently for 20 minutes. Cool. Sift remaining dry ingredients together and stir into the cooled mixture, adding nuts last. Bake in a loaf pan for one and one-quarter hours at 325 degrees.

According to Aunt Barbara, Grandma would bake the fruitcake at Thanksgiving and let it cure for a month prior to eating. She would wrap the loaf in liquor soaked cheesecloth, refreshing the cloth weekly. The rum, brandy or even whisky would mellow out some of the sweetness, no doubt adding some weight and longevity to the brick, oops, I mean fruitcake.

The poor fruitcake; object of so many jokes, but intertwined with wonderful memories as well.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

How Do I Apply for Social Security Benefits?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I would like some advice concerning Social Security. In January I will be 62.5 years old. I was laid off two years ago and have not had a steady income since (though I still have bills to pay). I also did not qualify for unemployment. Therefore, what little I had for "retirement" is now gone. For this reason, I have been seriously considering applying for Social Security as soon as I'm able. I remember reading something that said I should begin the "paperwork" three months ahead of time. I'd like to begin that process, but don't know where to begin. Could you guide me to the right place? Signed: Ready to Claim Benefits

Dear Ready to Claim: Sorry to hear of your loss of employment and your current financial struggle, but the Social Security benefits you earned from a lifetime of working are there for you. Here's what you need to know about applying for Social Security:

Since you are already 62 years of age, you can apply for your Social Security at any time now. The process is fairly simple, especially if you apply online, which you can do atwww.ssa.gov. Just click on the "Retirement" icon and you'll see a link to the online application. You simply fill out the application, save it if you need more time to work on it, and later when you're done submit it online to Social Security. Before you do that, however, you'll need to create your personal "my Social Security" online account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your online account set up you can fill out and submit the online application. Of course, you can also apply via telephone by calling either the national Social Security service center at 1.800.772.1213 or your local Social Security office to make an appointment to apply but applying online at www.ssa.govis by far the most efficient way.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits up to four months before the month you wish your payments to start. On the application you will tell them which month you want your benefits to begin so you can apply before you want to start benefits. Since you're applying before your full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months, there are a couple of things to keep in mind:

• By claiming at age 62 ½ your benefit amount will be permanently reduced by about 29%. You only get your full benefits if you wait to claim until your full retirement age (FRA) which for you is 66 years and 10 months; claiming any earlier means a permanently reduced benefit.

• If you claim before your FRA and you return to work, you'll be subject to an "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early SS benefits. The 2022 earnings limit is $19,560 and if that is exceeded SS will take back $1 for every $2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). The earnings limit will apply until you reach your full retirement age, and the allowable earnings are more in the year you reach FRA.

Applying online for Social Security benefits is a reasonably easy process, and if you have even moderate computer skills you shouldn't be intimidated by the thought. But if you are, simply call Social Security and request an appointment to apply. They will walk you through the

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Letters to the Editor

Palmer Food Share appreciates you

I would like to thank all the businesses, individuals and volunteers that contribute to making the Palmer Food Share so successful.

These selfless acts of fund raising, donating financially and giving of your time positively affect the lives of all in our community.

Everyone that donates is making a difference…one person at a time. It really does take a village.

Your hard work, dedication, compassion and caring will be remembered. Our hearts are grateful to everyone. You have our unending appreciation for the acts of service you choose to do each and everyday.

I would like to thank all of the businesses that are always lending a hand throughout the year. Collecting food at your place of business, fund raising, donating financially and giving of your time.

We would also like to thank the many individuals that donate weekly and monthly. Many individuals donate anonymously, thank you.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the volunteers that tirelessly give their time week after week. Most of these volunteers have been volunteering here for 20-plus years and we run with 40 volunteers. That is a lot of person power.

Thank you.

Catherine Plouffe
Palmer Food Share

To stay competitive, U.S. should focus on fundamentals

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

The United States emerged in the 20th century as the world's most powerful and competitive nation. Our economy, our technology and our political system became the envy of all others. But in recent years, many observers have claimed that America is losing its edge.

What do we need to do to strengthen our competitive position in the global economy? We need to focus on the basics. Our competitiveness depends on the fundamentals.

First, we need to support the talent and skills of our people, their productivity and their ability to innovate. Second, we need to strengthen our infrastructure: not only roads, bridges and transit but the "soft infrastructure" of education, the tax system and health care. Finally, we need to bolster the stability and credibility of our institutions. America's deep political divisions and growing economic inequality weaken our ability to compete.

We are deeply attached to the idea of the United States as a global leader and the world's "indispensable nation." But while our economy is the world's largest, that doesn't make it the most competitive. China presents formidable challenges, while nations in Europe and Asia are among the most innovative.

An annual competitiveness index from the World Economic Forum placed the U.S. at No. 1 in 2018, but it fell to second the following year, surpassed by Singapore. (There was no rating in 2020). Another competitiveness rating, from the Institute of Management Development in Switzerland, dropped the U.S. to No. 10 last year; the IMD said America's trade war with China had hurt both countries.

America has not done all we can to develop the talent and skills that we need to compete. We have excellent universities, but access to higher education can be challenging, and many young people struggle with overwhelming student debt. Kindergarten through 12th-grade education is dramatically unequal, with uneven local and state funding. Strengthening education, at all levels, will make us more competitive.

We can make meaningful gains by reforming our immigration system to prioritize the skills that employers need. Immigration reform has been stalled for years by partisan divisions in government, however.

In the area of infrastructure, federal legislation approved this fall will provide a welcome infusion of funding for roads, bridges, broadband service, and water and energy systems. But other forms of infrastructure also matter. We spend more on health care than any other country, for example, but our health outcomes are mediocre, and many people still lack access to affordable care. A recent study found Americans had a staggering $140 billion in unpaid medical debt.

We can boast of the best universities, research centers and entrepreneurs, but we rank 10th for research and development spending as a percentage of GDP, according to the Commerce Department. China is growing its R&D spending three times as fast as we are.

Our dynamic capitalist economy creates enormous wealth, but the rising tide hasn't lifted all boats. Income inequality is a serious problem, and many Americans struggle to pay for housing, child care and other necessities. All this makes us less competitive as a nation.

Finally, we're going to have a hard time fixing these problems if we can't repair our dysfunctional and deeply polarized politics. When elected officials put their partisan interests ahead of the public interest, when Republicans and Democrats can't have productive debate, it's hard to get anything done.

America is still, unquestionably, the world's wealthiest and most powerful nation. By many measures, we are the most successful, but there's no guarantee we will remain on top. We've got a lot of work to do to stay competitive.

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to mharrison@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

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HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

All new programs, events for December

HOLLAND — The Holland Community Center at 40 Brimfield Road offers fun, educational, and life-enriching activities for all ages.

Among the upcoming events, mark your calendars for the New Year's Eve-themed Pizza Party at noon Dec. 29. Celebrate the end of 2021 with us for lunch and stay for the music at 1 pm. RSVP required for the meal. $3 per Holland Senior, $5 for the general public.

What's new? The Garden Club is back and meets in the craft room the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

There are nutritious, homemade meals as well. Here's a look at what's going on this month:

Dec. 21: Tri Town Carousel Memory Café. Join us in Wales for wood burning. If you already wood burn, join us with the piece you are working on. If you have never done wood burning, join us to start your own project (small wooden box) please RSVP to ensure enough supplies for everyone. Call the Wales Center with any questions at 413-245-9683

Dec. 29: Singer/guitarist Dezi Star makes her debut at the Center.

Help wanted:

Holland Community Center is looking for a temporary Kitchen Manager while our current one is taking a leave of absence for the month of January. This is a paid position. However, we will not be opposed to having a volunteer come in. If you are interested in the position. Please contact Brenda at 413-245-3163 or send your resume and cover letter to CommunityCenter@hollandma.org.

Special December events:

12/20 Don't Want Swap 1 p.m.
12/22 Noah Lis 1 p.m.
12/27 Bingo 1 p.m.
12/29 Desiree Star 1 p.m.

Hungry?

You can dine-in or take out meals on Mondays and Wednesdays. Take out Pick up is 11:45 a.m.-noon. Dine-in is at noon. A $3 donation RSVP required. Due to a wonderful donation from the Holland Council on Aging, any Holland senior resident will be able to get their lunch for a $3 suggested donation. *

For a $5 suggested donation you will get the entrée, a side and dessert.

All ages are welcome to order.

December's Menu

Dec. 20 –Chefs Salads
Dec. 22 – Roast Beef Dinner
Dec. 27– Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/ Soup
Wed Dec 29 – Pizza Party (RSVP)
*Please have exact change if possible

Program highlights

CRAFTER'S SOCIAL & QUILTING: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.- Bring your favorite project and visit with other crafters each week.

DOMINOES: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Join us every Tuesday for dominoes. We use colored, numbered pieces instead of dots, which helps if you have less than perfect eyesight. The game is pretty simple and lots of fun. We already have a few new players and they're having a good time. RSVP encouraged but walk-ins allowed. Everyone is invited and it's FREE.

MIX IT UP WITH DEBBIE: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The class consists of core and body conditioning. Includes cardio, strength training, and stretching. Plus its lots of fun. Bring yoga mat and flat fitness band if you have it. RSVP is required. $5 per person ($3 for seniors).

YOGA: Wednesdays at 5 p.m. – Take time out for you. The holidays are coming and self-care is very important. Come to the Center for an hour of relaxation and self-care.

Have fun and take information home today that you can use tomorrow!

Every Monday
Mah Jongg – 10:15 a.m.
Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Texas Hold'em – 4:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday
Crafters Social – 10:30 a.m.
Dominoes – 10:30 a.m.
Every Wednesday
Mix it Up – 10 a.m.
Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Mah Jongg – 1 p.m.
Every Thursday
Food Drive – 11 a.m.
Cribbage – 12:15 p.m.
Pitch – 5 p.m.
Yoga – 6 p.m.

Wait, there's more!

Helping Wales Community Pantry

We are still collecting food for the Wales Community Pantry. The Pantry serves the residents of Holland, Wales, and Brimfield. They need peanut butter, jelly, Spa.m., cereal, and other nonperishable goods. You can drop off food anytime or day the Center is open. Monetary Donations can be made out to Wales Community Pantry. Monetary Donations help the Pantry to order fresh meats and produce.

Need pet food?

Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow has been very generous helping the residents of Holland and other towns by bringing dog and cat food here each week. If you need some for your animals, please stop by any time we are open.

For more information, call the Holland Community Center at 413-245-3163, visit on Facebook or go to town.holland.ma.us/community-center.

HCC offers STEM scholarships for spring semester

HOLYOKE – Students enrolled full time in chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, physics or other STEM fields at Holyoke Community College may qualify for a National Science Foundation scholarship of up to $10,000 a year toward tuition and fees.

Through HCC, the National Science Foundation Scholarship offers on average $6,500 per year to qualified full-time students and prorated amounts for part-time students.

New and current HCC students are encouraged to apply. The application deadline for the spring 2022 semester is Jan. 7, 2022.

Students chosen for the NSF scholarship become members of HCC's STEM Scholars 2.0 Program, also known as SCoRE (STEM Cohorts for Research & Engagement). STEM Scholars are expected to maintain enrollment in a STEM program, be in good academic standing, complete an associate degree at HCC and/or transfer to an accredited STEM degree program at a four-year institution. The scholarships are renewable every year students continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

Beside the financial awards, STEM Scholars become part of a learning community that fosters a sense of belonging and academic success, and includes mentoring, research and honors experiences; community service and internships.

Eligibility guidelines for the National Science Foundation Scholarship in STEM can be viewed at hcc.edu/stem-scholarship. STEM disciplines include biological sciences, physical sciences, math, computer and information services, geosciences, and engineering.

The program is led by HCC math professor Ileana Vasu, coordinator of the STEM Scholars program. She can be reached at ivasu@hcc.edu or 413-552-2438.

What you need to know about COVID-19 booster shots

SPRINGFIELD – If you haven't received your COVID-19 booster shot yet, now is the time.

There are many reasons to support getting a booster shot or your initial vaccination if you haven't already done so, said Dr. Armando Paez, chief, Infectious Diseases at Baystate Health.

"The emergence of the new Omicron variant, which is now in Massachusetts and several states, is an important reason why everyone eligible should be fully vaccinated with their booster shot. While at this time we do not know for sure how effective the current vaccines are against the new variant, including its transmissibility and potency, scientists are optimistic that current vaccines will offer some level of protection against Omicron," said Paez.

"We also know that while the COVID-19 vaccines remain effective against severe disease and hospitalization, new data shows that similar to some other vaccines such as for tetanus, their effectiveness wanes over time requiring a booster shot. This is especially true for people age 65 and older and for individuals with weak immune systems," he added.

For those who remain unvaccinated, Paez said to consider getting the shot as not only a gift to yourself, but to the greater community.

"We know that the vaccine is safe and effective and that is the plain and simple truth. Do not believe the many myths and misinformation you may hear being perpetuated by some media outlets and on social media, which may be shared with you by friends or relatives who believe they are hearing them from a credible source," said Paez.

"This is a very contagious and potentially deadly virus and you will not only be protecting yourself from becoming seriously ill or dying, but those around you as well. Most importantly, your choice to be vaccinated will help put an end to the pandemic by keeping it from spreading and even worse, breeding to a variant that is even more transmissible and resistant to current vaccines," he added.

Paez and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer the following answers to your COVID-19 booster questions:

Q: When do I need to get my booster and why should I get it sooner than later?

A: If you received the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, you should get your booster at least six months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series. If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you need only wait two months after getting your primary COVID-19 vaccination.

Q: Do I need to get the same COVID-19 booster as my original vaccination?

A: No, you can mix and match. A recent study suggests "mix and match" (heterologous boosting) can lead to a higher level of antibody response.

Q: Will I be getting the same dose as my original vaccination?

A: The booster shots are the same formulation as the current COVID-19 vaccines, with the exception of the Moderna vaccine booster which is half of the original dose.

Q: What if I never got my second dose?

A: If you have received Johnson & Johnson, a second dose will be considered your booster dose (given after two months). However, if you have not received the second dose of the primary series of the Moderna or Pfizer-Biontech vaccine, you should get this at the recommended schedule such as three weeks (Pfizer-Biontech) and four weeks (Moderna) or as soon as possible if you are past the recommended date.

Q: Will I experience any side effects from my booster shot?

A: Some adults may have minor side effects, but most people will not experience any discomfort as a result of the booster. Common side effects include pain, redness and swelling on the arm where you received your shot. You may also experience tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever and nausea, which should go away in a few days or less. You can reduce pain and discomfort where the shot is given by applying a clean, cool, wet washcloth to the area. Also, do not favor your arm, instead use or exercise it. You can also take over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin or antihistamines to reduce your discomfort, as well as drink plenty of fluids.

Q: I've heard some people say they take over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or Advil just before receiving their booster in order to prevent side effects, while others say not to.

A: It is not recommended to take anti-fever or anti-inflammatory medications, such as Tylenol or Advil, beforehand because based on other vaccine studies, it can potentially lead to lessen your immune response from the vaccine. However, you can take these after the vaccination to manage symptoms.

Q: What is causing a lower effectiveness of the vaccines requiring a booster shot?

A: It is a known fact that immunity to infection can wane over time. A booster shot will stimulate and remind the immune system to prepare for infection.

Q: What will happen if I decide not to get my booster?

A: You will run the risk of getting reinfected, which may have been preventable.

For more information on Baystate Health and the coronavirus, visit baystatehealth.org.

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application process.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor at AMAC.

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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: All are welcome to the annual holiday candlelight service at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 19. led by the Rev. John Psator, followed by potluck dinner.

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BAKE SALE: The Friends of the Monson Free Library will be holding a bake sale at the library, 2 High Street, Monson, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21. Members of the Friends will be baking holiday goodies, including pies, cookies, breads, fudge, and many other tasty items. In addition, knitted hats, mittens, and scarves will be for sale. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to support library programs, story hours, and museum passes.

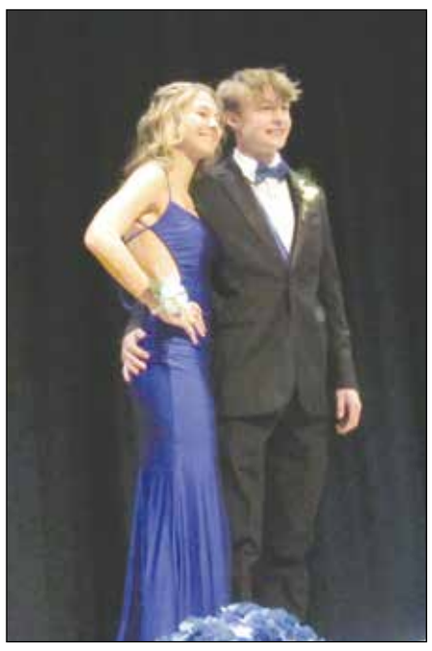
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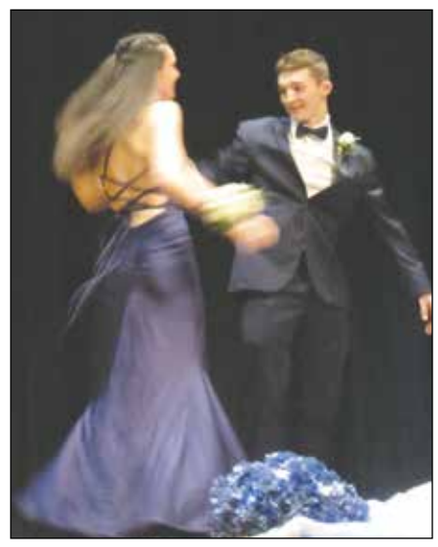












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"I think it's cool to see everybody at their best, dressing up and looking nice. Everything's kind of going so fast that it hasn't really clicked in my mind that my senior prom is going on right now. I graduate in a few short months, it hasn't really clicked in my mind yet, but I'm excited to see what the future holds."

Palmer High senior Nathalie Orellana was also excited to have shared this special moment with her date, Nicolai Robbins.

"I was nervous, but very excited because we weren't supposed to have this prom, but they graciously gave us one," Orellana said.

"I'm very proud to be a Palmer High Panther."

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BASKETBALL

Palmer falls to Frontier in season opener

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Playing in front of a large home crowd for the first time in almost two years, the members of the Palmer boys' varsity basketball team were hoping to celebrate a win against the Frontier Regional Red Hawks in the season opener.

The Panthers held a one-point lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Red Hawks pulled away during the next two quarters en route to a 65-46 nonleague victory, last Thursday night.

"We just need to rebound the ball a little bit better, and we need to play a little bit better defensively than we did in tonight's game. We also need to make a few more shots," said first-year Palmer head coach Nate Conner. "You never want to lose your first game of the season by 21 points, and I'll take the blame for this loss. We'll make a couple of adjustments before our next game."

Even though it wasn't the result the Panthers players or their fans were looking for, it should help them a little bit in the MIAA power rankings. Under the new alignment plan, the Panthers are currently a Division 5 team and the Red Hawks are a Division 4 team. The top 32 ranked teams in each Division automatically qualifies for the statewide tournament. The other teams, who finished the regular season with a .500 or better record, will also compete in the postseason tournament.

The two basketball teams didn't face each other on the hardwood a year ago, but the Panthers did beat the Red Hawks, 56-47, at the start of the 2019-20 campaign.

Last Thursday's contest wasn't the first athletic event of the 2021-22 school year between the two high schools.

Back in the middle of September, the Palmer football team defeated Frontier, 25-6 at Legion Field. The Lady Panthers varsity soccer team played a scoreless tie against the Red Hawks during the regular season. A couple of weeks later, the Lady Panthers advanced into the Western Mass. Class C championship match following 3-0 semifinal victory over the Red Hawks, which was also played at Legion Field.

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Mike Ziemba gets tangled up after his lay-up.

Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com

ICE HOCKEY

Tigers, Hurricanes battle to draw



Walker Goeckel fights in the corner for the puck.



Yuuki Ishida enters the offensive zone.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Joshua Goodhind gets a backhand.

AMHERST – Last Friday night, Amherst and South Hadley played their season opening game at the Mullins Center practice rink. Though Amherst notched an early goal, South Hadley had was able to come back later in the game and picked up the tie. South Hadley only had a brief season due to the pandemic concerns last year while Amherst played the entire abbreviated winter season. Amherst hockey features Palmer's Nicholas Paul and Joe Freniere, though neither were dressed for the game against South Hadley.



Liam Flynn makes his way up the ice.

BASKETBALL



Cordelia Hageman makes a pass.

Pioneers start regular season

SPRINGFIELD – Last Thursday night, the Pathfinder Regional High School girls basketball team opened up the regular season against the Pioneer Valley Christian Academy. Scoring was sparse early on, but Pathfinder was able to notch a few points closer to halftime to take a slim lead. The final score of the game was not made available as of press time.









ICE HOCKEY

College: Kowal scores first collegiate goal

WORCESTER – Senior Peter Laviolette (Nashville, Tenn.) netted a goal and an assist to lead Plymouth State to a 4-1 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference men's ice hockey victory over Worcester State Saturday evening at the Worcester Ice Center.

After the teams played a scoreless first period, the visiting Panthers (4-1-1, 2-0-1 MASCAC) struck for a pair of tallies in a 4:30 span midway through the second stanza. Sophomore Jeromey Rancourt (Lewiston, Maine) opened the scoring with a shorthanded marker at the 10:13 mark that was set up by Laviolette, who extended that margin with a goal that came with 5:17 to play in the frame. The host Lancers (3-5, 2-2 MASCAC), who saw their three-game winning streak come to an end, sliced the deficit in half on freshman Matt Kowal's (Monson, Mass.) first collegiate tally with 1:56 remaining in the period, but Plymouth State iced its triumph with a pair of markers over the final 20 minutes of action off the sticks of junior Colin Stevens (Concord, N.H.) and freshman Whim Stalberg (Gothenberg, Sweden).

Junior Brendahn Brawley (Morton, Pa.) earned his second win of the season by stopping 16 of 17 shots in net for the Panthers, while freshman Jakub Kubik (Uherske Hradiste, Czech Republic) made 34 saves between the pipes for Worcester State.

The Lancers host Anna Maria

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T-Birds fall in return to action

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (14-6-2-0) fell to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (9-8-1-2) on Sunday afternoon inside the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza by a final score of 6-0.

Despite a lineup that featured four players making their T-Birds' season debuts, Springfield came out with plenty of energy in the opening 20 minutes, putting 13 shots onto the net of Penguins rookie netminder Matt Jurusik, who was making his AHL debut. Unfortunately for the T-Birds, Jurusik kept the door shut to keep a zero on the board.

The Thunderbirds had the only power play of the first period, but Wilkes-Barre/Scranton instead picked up its first shorthanded goal of the season at 8:39 to jump to the lead. Captain Taylor Fedun moved up on his backhand on the left-wing side and pushed an attempt onto the net of Colten Ellis. The Springfield goaltender made the first save, but Anthony Angello pounced on the loose rebound to get his first goal of the season to make it 1-0 for the Penguins.

Felix Robert added to the Penguins lead with his sixth of the season at 1:41 of the second, and those were quickly followed by defense tallies for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton veterans Pierre-Olivier Joseph and Matt Bartkowski, respectively. Joel Hofer entered in relief of Ellis, but that did not stop the Penguins from getting another tally from Kyle Olson on a redirection from a Bartkowski point shot at 17:06. Ellis returned to the net to start the third and was greeted by the first goal of the year by Justin Almeida at 8:44 of the third to round out the scoring. Jurusik picked up 28 saves for a shutout in his AHL debut.

The Springfield Thunderbirds also announced that they have signed forwards Patrick Bajkov and Jacob Pritchard, as well as defensemen Patrick McNally and Dominic Cormier, to professional tryouts.

Bajkov, 24, skated in 18 games with Springfield during the 2018-19 season, registering three goals and two assists. In 19 ECHL games this season with the Reading Royals, he has tallied six goals and five assists.

Pritchard, 26, has skated in 32 career AHL games with the Charlotte Checkers, producing two goals and five assists. He also skated in six playoff games for Charlotte in 2019 en route to the club's Calder Cup championship. So far this season with the Royals, Pritchard has tallied 16 points (8g+8a) in 19 games. Pritchard skated collegiately for St. Lawrence University and UMASS-Amherst, where he recorded 47 points (16g+31a) in 41 games for the Minutemen in 2018-19.

McNally, 30, has 96 games of AHL experience under his belt, all with the San Jose Barracuda. The Harvard alumnus has 18 career AHL points and a career +15 rating. He has recorded seven points (2g+5a) in 14 games with Reading this season in the ECHL.

Cormier, 23, has played in 18 games with Reading this season, putting up eight points (2g+6a). The native of Moncton, N.B. is in his second full professional season.

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Athlete of the Week



NAME: Chance Lee
SCHOOL: Palmer

Lee had a great performance for Palmer basketball in its appearance at UMass-Amherst last weekend. Lee scored 12 point for the Panthers.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Champion celebrates title

HOLTSVILLE, N.Y. – Three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore went to Nashville, Tennessee this week to collect his hardware as a three-time series champion. Bonsignore was invited to the NASCAR Awards events that will take place in downtown Nashville – which took place on Nov. 30.

Bonsignore was part of multiple fan events over the course of three days, and received his championship ring, and will be part of the NASCAR Awards festivities on Dec. 2.

Bonsignore won two races en route to his 2021 Whelen Modified Tour title -- his third in the last four years driving for Ken Massa Motorsports. It will be the first awards ceremony in Nashville that Bonsignore attends.

"I'm excited to head to Nashville for the first time and celebrate our third NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour title in Music City," Bonsignore said prior to the event. "The season we had on the Whelen Modified Tour was one to remember. Winning a third championship is a historic moment for myself and our entire team and I'm excited to officially accept the honors and celebrate with the NASCAR community as part of this special event."

Fans can stay involved in the Nashville trip by following Bonsignore on social media. Bonsignore's Athlete Facebook page, @JustinBonsignore51, his Twitter feed @JBonsignore and his Instagram page @JBonsignore will all be showcasing behind the scenes content from Music City. For more information on Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com.



Submitted photo
Justin Bonsignore recently visited Nashville to celebrate his recent NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour championship.

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One of the six seniors listed on the Panthers varsity basketball roster is Jack Letendre, who led the way offensively in the season opener with a game-high 33 points. He made a total of nine field goals, including a 3-pointer, and 12 free throws.

"Jack has been an outstanding basketball player since I began coaching him in the eighth grade," said Conner, who had previously coached the Panthers JV basketball team. "I made sure that he joined the varsity basketball team as a freshman. He has improved a lot, and he works very hard."

Letendre, who was the starting quarterback on the Panthers football team, is a tri-captain of the basketball team, along with senior's Anthony Ukrainets (3 points vs. Frontier) and Michael Ziemba (6 points).

The other three Panthers seniors are Brady Stahelski (2 points), Chance Lee, and Roman Cardenales, who didn't play against Frontier. All of the Panthers seniors were members of the football team, which competed in the Division 8 playoffs.

The juniors on the Palmer varsity basketball team are Marcus Trzcinski, Nathan Bigda, and Jason Cousineau.

Rounding out the varsity roster are sophomore Shawn Troche, sophomore Andrew Menard, who made his first career varsity start in the season opener, and eighth grader Dylan Doherty, who scored his first varsity points on a jumper in the final seconds of the game.

The duo of Letendre and Ziemba combined to score all eight of the Panthers points during the opening quarter.

Palmer, who entered the second stanza holding a slim 8-7 advantage, were outscored, 44-22 during the next two quarters.

The trio of senior Patrick Boyden, senior Tyler Dubreiul, and junior Dante Ruggiano combined to score 21 of the Red Hawks 23 second quarter points. It helped them build a 30-18 halftime lead.

Overall, Ruggiano led the visitors from South Deerfield with 16 points. Boyden checked in with 15 points and Dubreiul added 13 points.

After the Red Hawks built a 37-18 lead two minutes into the second half, Letendre, who received the 53rd Bailey Award trophy on Thanksgiving morning against rival Ludlow, scored Palmer's next seven points. It cut the Panthers deficit to 40-25 with a little more than two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Panthers did outscore the Red Hawks, 16-14, during the final eight minutes of the game.

The Panthers also lost to Drury, 58-48, in the Pioneer Valley Tip-Off, at the Mullins Center, which is located on the UMass-Amherst, last Saturday afternoon. Letendre posted a double-double in that contest with a team-high 17 points and 11 rebounds. Stahelski and Lee chipped in with 12 points apiece.



Andrew Hayley saves the outgoing ball on the sideline.



Anthony Ukrainets drives into the paint.



Chance Lee watches his jumper. Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com

Bay State Games accepting applications for interns

REGION – The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Internship Program. The Bay State Games Internship Program offers candidates the opportunity to gain valuable experience in all phases of sport management. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about event management, financial management, operations, sponsorship fulfillment, and media relations. Unlike many other internships, the Bay State Games Internship Program allows candidates to take ownership of specific projects and manage events.

Former Bay State Games interns have gone on to work at prestigious professional sport organizations including the New England Patriots, Washington Wizards and Capitals, Cleveland Cavaliers, Miami Dolphins, and in intercollegiate athletics at the Big East Conference, Princeton University, Northeastern University, and Tufts University.

The internship lasts 10 to 11 weeks, from mid-May until the end of July. Interns are expected to work regular 40-hour weeks during May and June with increased hours in July to accommodate the event schedule during the Summer Games.

There are five or six operations internship positions available and one or two communications positions available. For job descriptions for each position, please visit www.baystategames.org/internships.

The Bay State Games has begun accepting applications on a rolling basis. As applications are received interviews are scheduled on a rolling basis with most positions filled by January 2022. For the best chance of consideration interns should submit their cover letter and resume as early as possible.

Additional information on the scholarship and a link to an application form can be found at www.baystategames.org/internships.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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in a non-league matchup on Tuesday afternoon at the Worcester Ice Center that faces off at 4:40 pm, while Plymouth State entertains Fitchburg State in a MASCAC clash on Monday afternoon in Plymouth, N.H. that faces off at 4:00 pm.

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DEATH NOTICES

Bruce Christian Banks 78
Died: Dec. 11, 2021
Funeral service: Dec. 21 at St. Matthew Church in Jamestown, R.I.

Wayne P. Butler
Died: Dec. 11, 2021
Visitation: 8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, followed by a service at 10 a.m. in the funeral home and burial in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Bondsville.

Helen J. (Hallez) Rivard, 86
Died: Dec. 13, 2021
Funeral service: Noon Dec. 21 in Beers & Story Funeral Home

William R. Schneider, 78
Died: Nov. 23, 2021

Vincent R. Siniscalchi, 68
Died: Dec. 6, 2021

Edith M. Webster, 93
Died: Dec. 9, 2021
Funeral service: 11 a.m. Dec.17 at Lombard Funeral Home

OBITUARIES

Bruce Christian Banks, 78

"The sorrow we feel when we lose a loved one is the price we pay to have had them in our lives."

Bruce Christian Banks (Commander, USN, Ret.) age 78 of Jamestown, RI passed away peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 at Bay Pines Va., Hospital in Bay Pines, Fla. He was born in July of 1943 in New Bedford and was the son of the late Ivar Banks and the late Gladys E. Mott and the late Howard S. Mott.

He leaves a hole in the lives of his sisters and brothers Sandra N. Wells, husband Peter, Susan M. Brewster, husband Ted, Donald J. Mott, wife Shannon, and Dennis H. Mott, wife Rona. His nieces and nephews Serah E. Selmon, Rachael E. Somers, Alyssa C. Mott, Bradley B. Parker, Nathan H. Mott, Dennis J. Mott, and Matthew W. Mott and their families. He touched so many lives and had a plethora of friends, notably his cousin, James Vaill, who was his lifelong friend, fishing buddy and caretaker in time of need.

Bruce graduated from Monson High School in Monson in May 1961. As a junior in high school, he joined the U.S. Navy Reserve and subsequently was commissioned Ensign USNR upon graduating from Worcester State College in 1966.

Bruce was a proud veteran and had a long and successful 26 year career in the U.S. Navy. He attended the Naval School of Diving and Salvage in Washington, D.C., in 1966 and thus began his passion for the Diving community that continued up until passing. He spent much of his Navy career on Salvage and Diving ships and stations serving as a special operations officer. These included the command of Harbor Clearance Unit 4 performing combat and salvage in Vietnam, as Captain of the USS Reclaimer in Hawaii, command of the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama City, Fla., and executive officer of the U.S. Naval Experimental Diving Unit where he oversaw the expansion of the Mark V saturation diving limits.



Bruce retired from active duty in February of 1986 and settled in Jamestown, R.I., where he formed Jamestown Marine Services, a marine engineering, salvage and environmental restoration company. Following his passion, in 1999 he became managing owner of Divers Institute of Technology, a commercial diving school located in Seattle, Wash. The graduates can be found working all over the world. He continued oversight of this 50+ year old school until his passing.

Bruce was a member of many associations and professional certification groups. For several, he served as chairman and/or member of the Board of Directors. These included the Navy Divers Association from 1992 until his passing, the Divers Certification Board of Canada from 2012-2020, among others. He also served as technical advisor and subject matter expert for the film "Men of Honor."

Bruce was a member of St Matthews Episcopal church in Jamestown, R.I. and a lifelong member of the Day Spring Masonic Lodge, Monson.

Besides his career accomplishments Bruce was an avid fisherman and enjoyed life at sea, sharing this with his many friends and family. He loved to read, and enjoyed traveling, especially to his condo in Costa Rica, where he was living when he became ill.

Bruce will be missed and he will be remembered through all the lives he has touched and the many friends he had.

A church service will be held at noon in St Matthew's Church in Jamestown on Tuesday, Dec. 21, with his internment following the church service in the RI Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Exeter. The family is requesting all participants please wear a mask and socially distance due to COVID concerns. The family feels the love and prayers from so many of Bruce's friends from around the world and takes comfort in them and understands if they are unable to attend.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his name can be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation www.woundedwarriorproject.org, or, the Navy Divers Association, navydivers.net, or a charity of your choice.

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Helen J. (Hallez) Rivard, 86

BELCHERTOWN/PALMER — Helen J. (Hallez) Rivard, 86, passed away Dec. 13, 2021.

Born Sept. 9, 1935, in Palmer, she was the daughter of William and Edna (Monat) Hallez. Helen has been a lifelong resident of Palmer until moving to Belchertown with her daughter in 1989. She was a communicant of Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers and was the past president of the Ladies of St. Anne's also in Three Rivers. In her leisure, Helen enjoyed reading and playing bingo at Mohegan Sun along with playing Words with Friends on her iPad.

In 1985, she was predeceased by her first husband, Walter Frydryk and in 2014, her second husband, Victor Rivard.

Helen will be dearly missed by her children, William Frydryk and his wife Tina of Waterford, Conn., Denise Zawalski and her husband Richard of Palmer, Rosalie Belisle and her husband Bill of Ware, and Carolyn Poirier and her husband Richard of Belchertown. She also is survived by a sister, Ann Frydryk of Palmer, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a service to begin at noon. Burial will follow in St. Anne's Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her honor to a cancer society. For details, visit beersandstory.com.

William R Schneider, 78

William R Schneider, aka Bink or Bill, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Nov. 23, 2021, in Annapolis, Md.

Born of parents William R. Schneider and Dorothy R. Schneider (Lee Sheridan) on Dec. 3, 1942 in Springfield, he first lived at Springfield Armory where his father, Captain William R Schneider Sr., was stationed during World War II. The family relocated to Monson in 1950 where Bink graduated with the class of 1960 from Monson High School. His MHS yearbook indicates that he was voted most musical, studious and mysterious. He played soccer and basketball, was in the band and was perhaps best known for his "hot trumpet."

After graduation, he attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Hart College of Music. Next, he joined the Air Force and was stationed at Hancock Field in Syracuse, N.Y., where he was trained as a medic and optometrist. During this time he met his wife, Susan (nee) Halstead Schneider. Following his discharge from the Air Force, they relocated to Maryland where he earned a PhD in microbiology at the University of Maryland, the alma mater of each of his parents. Upon graduation, he began his career in the biopesticides division of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

Subsequently, he moved with his family to Cape St. Claire on the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis. Bink took up sailing and soon became known for his nautical achievements, including first place in the prestigious Governor's Cup race in 1995. He was also well known for his community involvement teaching sailing on his own and for the Severn Sailing Association. He also founded the Chesapeake Bayfarers Sailing Club. Each of his two sons represented the U.S. on several occasions in international competitions. He also coached youth soccer and lacrosse for many years.

Possessing seemingly limitless energy and enthusiasm, his interests and achievements professional, community oriented and personal would be too extensive to expound in a single article. An avid downhill skier, he founded the ski club at the University of Maryland and skied extensively in Europe and North America. Also at the University of Maryland he founded the Sports Car Club where they held autocross and rally events. Continuing that interest after graduation, he built a small racing car and participated in amateur events at Watkins Glen. While in the Air Force he obtained his private pilots license and continued to fly from the College Park, Md., airport. His work at the Environmental Protection Agency involved extensive international travel including to China, Taiwan, Korea, South America, and Europe. His wife, Susan, occasionally accompanied him and they developed a love of travel which continued well into Bink's retirement. Their destinations included Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, South America, the Galopagos Islands, Europe and Africa.

Following his retirement in 2009 from EPA Associate Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, playing banjo, piano and trumpet continued. A favorite entertainment venue for Bink and his wife was attending Dixieland jazz events in the Annapolis area. Another favorite were the many jazz cruises they enjoyed. Bink was a photographer and video documenter from the early days of Super 8 to the present. You are invited to go to youtube.com, search for Bschdr and select what might interest you from Bink's life.

He is survived by Sue, his wife of 56 years; his sons Karl and Geoff (wife Noon and children Skyla and Liam); and brother John (Beau) Schneider (wife Wendy and daughter Mika.) Services were held at Lasting Tibutes Cremation and Funeral Care in Annapolis, on Dec. 11, 2021. Ashes will be scattered at Baltimore Light, Cheapeake Bay, sometime in the spring.

In honor of Bink's life, please make a donation to the environmental organization of your choice.

OBITUARIES

Vincent Ralph Siniscalchi, 1953-2021

BRIMFIELD — Vincent Ralph Siniscalchi, 68, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021.

Born in Springfield, he was the son of the late Antonio and Josephine (Longo) Siniscalchi. A graduate of Springfield Technical High School, class of '71 and a member of the ROTC, Vinney went on to earn his associate degree with a focus in accounting from Springfield Technical Community College. First working at Shop Rite Supermarket, he retired from the United States Post Office Bulk Mail Center in Springfield after 34 years.

Vinney was Director of Team Mass Basketball and coached soccer at Tantasqua Junior High School. He then moved on to coach Junior Varsity Soccer at Tantasqua Regional High School, where he also coached Freshman Basketball. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.



Vinney enjoyed spending time with his family, cooking, cruises and family vacations to Orlando, Fla.

Vinney is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patti Ann (Sebastyanski) and his sons, Michael of Brimfield, Joseph of Newton, Christopher, wife Kylie, grand cat Oliver and granddog Chewina of Palmer, brother Anthony of E. Longmeadow, and sister, Mariellen Szczebak & husband Frank of Wilbraham.

Funeral services were conducted by Tazzini Funeral Home in Springfield. Burial will be at the convenience of his family.

Because of Vinney's love of and dedication to coaching, please consider a memorial contribution to Tantasqua Regional High School's Booster Club.

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Edith M. Webster, 1928-2021

MONSON — Edith M. Webster, 93, passed away at home Dec. 9, 2021.

She was born Oct. 15, 1928, in Mystic, Conn., to the late Ralph and Ada (Bancroft) Moulton. She moved to Monson as a little girl where she lived her entire life. Edie was a graduate of Monson High School and was a gifted art student.

As a child before TV, she remembered riding her bike around town to the local swimming holes and exploring the woods around Lower Hampden Road where her family settled. At age 10 she walked to Springfield, running away from home with her older sister Charlotte to visit her sister Laura. Edie worked for many years at Massachusetts Electric, taking off 10 years to raise her two sons.

She was active in the Monson Unitarian Universalist Church, teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. After retirement, she traveled the world with her niece, Grace, her favorite spot being Norway. Edie was a sport, hiking with her husband and two boys in the White Mountains during the 1960s and a few years ago enjoying a few beers with her sons in Stowe, Vt., a place she always wanted to visit. She was one of the most responsible people and was always there for her family.



Eddie was the last of 16 offspring between the two families. A special thanks to her nieces, Debbie, Dottie and her husband Larry and brother in-law Ike for loving support in the last few years and the wonderful professionals at Baystate Hospice.

Edith was predeceased by her husband E.J. Webster Jr. "Junior" in 2000. She leaves her sons Paul R. Webster of Ojai, Calif., and Steven J. Webster of Monson along with many extended family members and friends.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. A visiting hour will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, n the funeral home. A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with burial to follow at Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society PO Box 1120 Framingham, MA 01701 or cancer.org. For online condolences visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

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raise the aggregate property values in town," McNutt said.

"To raise it to $1.2 billion so far is a success. After these tax classification hearings though, we need to remind residents how this works and that rates going down is a good sign, and rates only go down if the values go up. To get that higher tax bill, it means the town's value has gone up and having higher property values means the town brings in more revenue that allows the town to do more for residents.

"Having a property tax reduced by $1.29 per $1,000 of assessed value is a lot. I have not seen that go down by that much and we're moving in a positive direction to bring that down."

It's not just the seller's housing market increasing property values. The town is systematically addressing issues aimed at maintaining gains and positioning the town for more prosperity.

"We're more aggressively doing code enforcement to improve the curb appeal of the town," McNutt said.

"The town is very aggressively removing blighted properties and we're going to keep doing this. We're holding property owners to standards and this is big because, again, when we remove all these little things that blight a neighborhood or a section of town, people feel better. They know the town is moving in the right direction."

A major dividend of that kind of effort, which in Palmer involves a re-organized economic development team, is that the town becomes more attractive to commercial investment. Early next year, McNutt said, a project that involves re-zoning six parcels from residential to highway commercial should pave the way for a major development. Residents, he said, should expect a greater emphasis on creating a more business-friendly environment and eventually shifting more of the tax burden to commercial property owners.

Right now, commercial business represents about 6% of the tax base with industrial even lower, at 4%.

"There are valuable areas in town ripe for development that were overlooked in the past," McNutt said.

"We're changing that. There's a development project that has a lot of import for the town that was stalled about five years ago and we have completely solved that and it's moving forward and represents $800,000 in new tax base revenue. We want to bring that commercial tax base up to about 10 to 20 percent and that shift will be huge for residential property owners. The more we bring in that's not residential, the better off we all are."

Other business

Also at Monday's meeting, town council approved a $5 million bond after second reading to cover the cost of designing and reconstructing a wastewater treatment plant.

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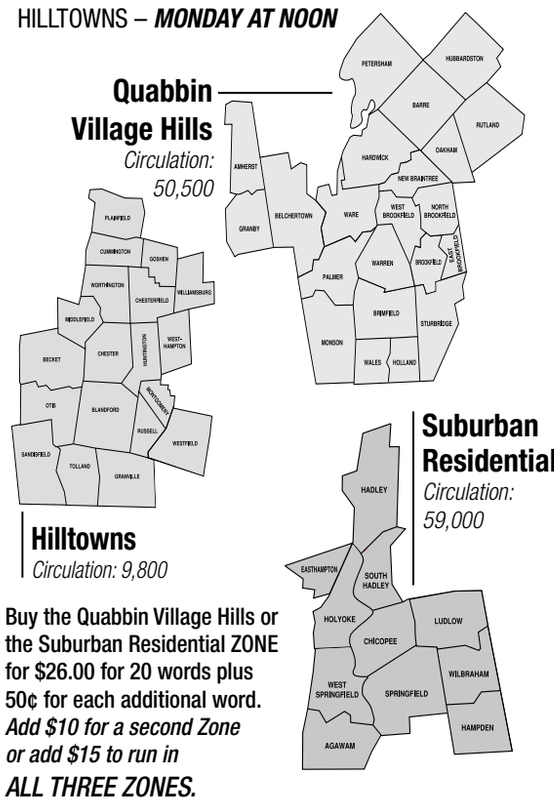
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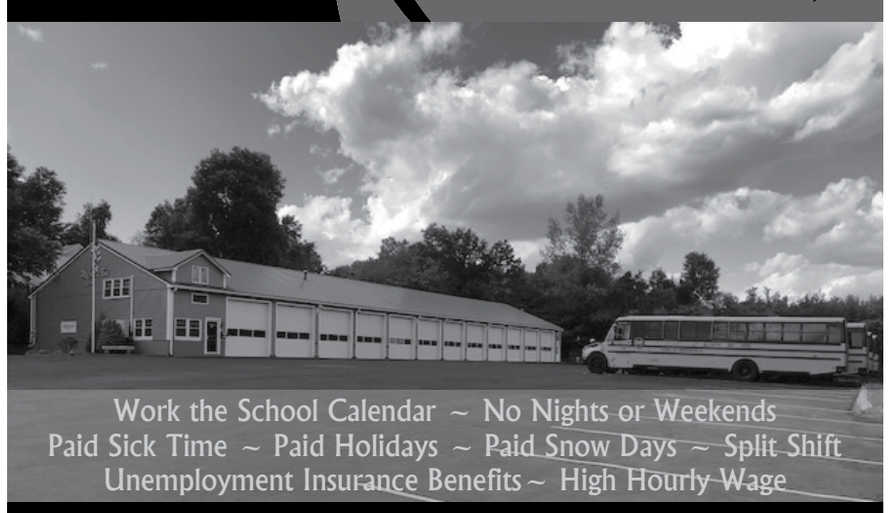
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Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 16 calls Dec. 8 - 13:

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 1:58 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 2:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 9:59 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Ridge Road. The department returned to service at 10:50 p.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6:29 a.m., the department responded to a detector activation on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 7:12 a.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, at 9:43 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 10:10 a.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 9 at 12:20 p.m., the department responded to an animal rescue on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 12:41 p.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, at 12:47 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:03 p.m. On Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6:38 p.m., the department responded to a brush fire on Depot Street. The department returned to service at 7:24 p.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, at 9:37 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with an injury on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 9:56 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 1:42 p.m., the department responded to a smoke investigation at Carter Street. The department returned to service at 2:10 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3:29 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with an injury on the Mass Pike. The department returned to service at 4:06 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3:42 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Reservoir Street. The department returned to service at 4:07 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10:39 p.m., the department responded to a water leak on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 11:11 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, at 8:36 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance on Beacon Street. The department returned to service at 9:02 a.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2:05 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 2:24 p.m.

On Monday, Dec. 13, at 11:29 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on River Street. The department returned to service at 12:13 p.m.

On Monday, Dec. 13, at 1:55 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Shaw Street. The department returned to service at 2:23 p.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to four calls Dec. 10 – 11:

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 6:39 a.m., the department responded to a mutual aid call on Gilbertville Road in Ware for a structure fire. The department returned to service at 7:24 a.m.

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 1:41 p.m., the department responded to a mutual aid call on Carter Street in Palmer for the report of a chimney fire. The call was cancelled enroute and the department returned to service at 1:46 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3:48 p.m., the department responded to a mutual aid call for an alarm activation on Reservoir Street in Palmer. The call was cancelled enroute and the department returned to service at 3:55 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:43 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Emery Street. The department returned to service at 8:17 p.m.

THREE

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to six calls Dec. 10 – 12:

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 11:07 a.m., the department responded to the report of a gas leak in Wilbraham Street. The department returned to service at 12:00 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 12:14 p.m., the department responded to a report of a gas leak on Fort Street. The department returned to service at 12:25 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 1:42 p.m., the department responded to a mutual aid call on Palmer FD for a reported chimney fire on Carter Street. The call was cancelled and the department returned to service at 1:48 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3:46 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Sykes Street. The department returned to service at 3:54 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 9:37 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:11 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:28 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Palmer Street. The department returned to service at 7:57 p.m.

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Students can earn up to four credits by taking Wintersession classes in a wide variety of academic areas: anthropology, communication, criminal justice, economics, engineering, environmental science, geography, law, management, marketing, mathematics, radiology, social science and sociology.

Courses are being offered both on campus and online.

"Wintersession at HCC is a great way for students to pick up a bunch of academic credits in a short amount of time, to complete a prerequisite for another course or just lighten their spring course load," said Mark Hudgik, HCC director of Admissions.

The registration deadline for Wintersession classes is Dec. 31.

Starting Jan. 3, students must be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend classes on campus. Students must submit proof of their vaccination status before being allowed to register for on-campus classes.

Students who plan to register only for online or remote classes do not have to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

Registration is also open at HCC for spring 2022 classes. Full semester classes begin Mon., Jan. 24, with additional Flex Start dates on Feb. 14 (Spring Start II) and March 28 (Spring Start III).

Full-term spring classes run for 14 weeks. Spring Start II classes run for 12. Spring Start III classes run for seven.

To enroll for a Wintersession class, people may visit hcc.edu/wintersession. To enroll for Spring 2022, they should go to hcc.edu/admissions.



QCC offers entry level career training programs

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College will begin offering close to two dozen free entry-level career training programs in the coming months. This innovative programming format is being offered through a new Fast Track Skills Academy, from QCC's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

The Fast Track Skills Academy is designed for individuals, who have been displaced from the workforce or had their jobs affected negatively due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will focus on trainings that are designed to get people back into the workforce in three months or less and provide upskilling and/or reskilling for incumbent workers whose jobs have changed or been eliminated due to COVID 19.

"People from low-income households, recipients of public assistance and those lacking basic literacy and numeracy skills have been disproportionality affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fast Track Skills Academy is an investment in our community and an opportunity to remove barriers keeping individuals from bettering their lives," said Kathleen Manning, dean of the Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education. "Programming in the Academy will focus on meeting individual student needs, by providing a variety of educational programming for all types of learners that is designed to equip individuals with skills that will allow entry into and progression along a career pathway. I encourage those who are interested to reach out soon as limited seats are available and classes are filling fast."

The following programs are enrolling now with many starting soon:

MS Office Certificate: Classes will run in Southbridge and Worcester.

Personal Care Assistant (PCA) (Offered in English): Classes will run in Southbridge and Worcester.

Ophthalmic Assistant Program: Classes will run in Worcester.

Veterinary Assistant Certificate: Classes will run in Worcester.

Personal Care Assistant PCA (Offered in Spanish): Classes will run in Southbridge and Worcester.

Medical Administrative Assistant: Classes will run in Worcester.

Medical Assistant: Classes will run in Worcester.

Software Developer: Classes will run in Worcester.

Nurse Assistant: Classes will run in Worcester.

Front End Software Developer: Classes will run in Worcester.

Real Estate Sales Person: Classes will run in Worcester.

Recognizing that students come to QCC at a different educational levels and career stages, the Fast Track Skills Academy is designed to meet individuals where they are on the education and career continuum. Certain programs will be delivered in Spanish and all career prep programming will include the BOUNCE program, a wrap-around soft skills workforce readiness training program, intensive planned coursework, training, and/or work experience that leads to attainment of industry-recognized skills, credentials and job placement. Courses are primarily offered in-person, with several offered in either a hybrid or online format.

In the coming months additional free programming opportunities will be available that focus on high priority, in-demand jobs in the industries of Healthcare/Social Services, Advanced Manufacturing and Information Technology.

Individuals interested in enrolling in one of the fast track programs must attend a mandatory virtual information session. People may check the information session box on www.QCC.edu/fasttrack or call 508-751-7900 for information session dates and registration.

For more information on upcoming free courses such as: basic manufacturing technician, Google IT help desk technician and registered behavior technician, people may visit www.QCC.edu/fasttrack or call 508-751-7900.

QCC's nursing program recommended for reaccreditation

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College's nurse education program has been recommended for reaccreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

"Reaccreditation is important to our nursing program and to the Central Massachusetts area, particularly since the closing of Becker College's nursing program. To date, we have integrated 54 former Becker students into QCC's nursing program and anticipate 24 will graduate in December and another 15 in May 2022," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "As the country and our local region continue to experience a nursing shortage, QCC's nursing program is delivering vitally needed healthcare professionals to the workforce pipeline."

QCC's nurse education program has been accredited by the ACEN since 1983. The program recently went through a comprehensive reaccreditation process by a team from the ACEN, which resulted in a recommendation for the program to receive an eight-year accreditation. Accreditation is a voluntary process that confirms that a high standard of excellence exists in a program.

"It is always in a student's best interest to seek and enroll in a program that is accredited. It signifies to potential employers that they have been prepared within a program that has established a higher standard of expectations," said Patricia Creelman, professor of Nurse Education at QCC. "Additionally, it is important for a graduate to complete an accredited program to facilitate application and acceptance at higher levels of nursing education."

A reaccreditation is a comprehensive process, in which the nursing program does a self-evaluation to determine compliance with six standards, identified by NCEN. These standards relate to all aspects of Mission and Governance, Faculty, Student, Program Resources, Curriculum and Program Outcome assessment. During a three-day visit to the College, a ACEN team reviewed QCC's program standards, locations, visited with QCC nursing partners and advisory boards, and conducted interviews with students, faculty and administration.

According to Creelman, while many programs are recommended to receive a full eight-year accreditation after a NCEN team site visit, what was unusual about QCC's recommendation is that there were no areas for improvement identified.

"It is often the practice that, while a program may meet the particular standard, they may also be recommended to improve in particular areas identified by the evaluators. There were none of these recommendations identified," she said. "The team was most impressed by the comprehensiveness of our preparation, the enthusiastic student body, and the extensive resources available to the program as provided by the College."

The ACEN Board of Commissioners will make a final reaccreditation determination in Spring of 2022.

To learn more about QCC's Nurse Education program, visit QCC.edu/nursing.

For more information on QCC, people may contact Karen Hutner, Interim Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.2842 or khutner@qcc.mass.edu

Public notices

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PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 M.G.L. the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall Administration Building to consider amending the Town of Palmer Zoning Map for a change of zoning districts from the Rural Residential and Suburban Residential Districts to the Highway Business District. Six parcels are affected by this zoning amendment, specifically L8 High Street (Map 7, Lot 8), 1002 High Street (Map 7, Lot 7), L6 High Street (Map 7, Lot 6), L5 French Street (Map 7, Lot 5), 54 Walnut Street (Map 7, Lot 4), and 24 Converse Street (Map 7, Lot 3).

A copy of the map may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Tracey Stankus** of Holden, MA.

Tracey Stankus of Holden, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
12/16/2021

NRCS accepting Agricultural Land Easement application

AMHERST – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications from state and local governments, non-governmental organizations and Native American Tribes that would like to protect working farmland through an Agricultural Land Easement under the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

ACEP Agricultural Land Easements protect critical natural resources and encourage private landowners to maintain land for farming through the voluntary sale of an easement, which limits future development.

NRCS provides financial assistance to eligible partners for purchasing Agricultural Land Easements. Cropland, rangeland, grassland, pastureland and industrial private forest land private forestland are eligible. State and local governments, non-governmental organizations and Native American Tribes that have farmland or grassland protection programs are eligible to partner with NRCS to purchase conservation easements.

Applications will now be ranked monthly. This year's application ranking cut-off dates are Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 and Friday, March 18, 2022. All eligible applications received by 4 p.m. on these dates will be ranked. The highest ranked applications will be selected based on the available funds provide to Massachusetts NRCS.

Applications should be submitted to Helen Castles, USDA-NRCS Massachusetts State Office, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002. Information on how to apply and application forms are available on the NRCS Massachusetts website.

NRCS may contribute up to 50% of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement. Where NRCS determines that grasslands of special environmental significance will be protected, NRCS may contribute up to 75% of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement.

To learn about ACEP and other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, people may visit www.ma.nrcs.usda.gov or your local USDA Service Center.

NRCS is a federal agency that works hand-in-hand with the people of Massachusetts to improve and protect soil, water and other natural resources. The agency works with local conservation districts and other partners to serve farmers and landowners in the Bay State and across the United States.

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